

MI Child Support Formula - (no subject)

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Hello, my name is Tracey (Wooten) Austin. I recently filed for divorce in January, and went to court in March to determine the temporary court order for custody. My "Ex" did not show up for this court date. Nor, has he contacted the "Friend of the court." I was sent a notice telling me how much money he was behind in paying. But nothing telling me what the "FOC" was doing to track down where he is working, or what I can do to get help to support my two children. I have called many times to find out what a single Mom is to do, when there is no support coming in! I tried calling/and left several messages with the FOC, and I have yet to receive a return call! I also went to the State of Michigan to get some type of supplement payment for child care. (only to be turn down, because the formula said I made too much money).

I am all for arresting parents that are not supporting the children they brought into this world! But, what good is it, when they are picked up, and thrown in jail. (not making any money to support the children) Why not place them on a work release program, there by forcing them to help support the children. Their sitting in jail, Is not helping put food on the table for children or clothes on their backs.

My ex is no longer working the job he had a local shipping company. He jumps from job to job, in order to avoid the state taking money out of his checks. I have been told many times that if he receives any money from any company that it would be garnished! Well, I know for a fact that he has had two large sum checks come in, and not once has he called to see if his children needed anything. Nor, does he visit/or call them. The state puts a freeze on the accounts when tax money is owed to them! Why not put a freeze on the accounts for child support! this would force them to make some type of arrangement with the FOC. One other thing, that could be done, is if they are driving some fancy suv or car, sell it to get the money needed for child support.

Is there any programs in place for someone like myself, to help make ends meet? The "FOC" say that they are here for the children? So far, they have failed my children just as the their father has! Why even deal with the friend of the court, and listen to the empty promises, made by them. Not to mention, the staff at the friend of the court building(in it's entirety) are rude, inconsiderate. This whole thing has put a bad taste in my mouth.

So while you are making changes to the rules and regulations! Put your people who deal with these family's through on going training, it is desperately needed. "you are there for us, we are not there for you" If you need to hire more people to do the job, then do so. You can't clean someone's house until you clean your own! Nice words and a smile goes a long way!

For anyone with, any information for me please email me at taustin9@hotmail.com

I hope that my personal experience will help you make the necessary changes to your Support system!!!!

Sincerely,

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